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CLARK GRIFFITH GOES TO GOTHAM SEEKING HITTER

Will Try His Luck in Camp of National Leaguers in Annual Session At Waldorf-Astoria—Baseball World Watching Developments Among Magnates.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The baseball world will center at the Waldorf in New York this week when the National League holds its annual meeting. The National Commission is also expected to meet and make some announcement of the stand organized baseball is to assume in the face of the demands from the Baseball Players' Fraternity. In the light of the evident progress of the Federal League all over the country this year's meeting is momentous in the history of the national game.

Manager Clark Griffith leaves tomorrow afternoon on the Congressional for New York, going to the meeting in the hopes of obtaining a hitter or two to strengthen his pennant chasers. This is sufficient to keep the eyes of Washington fans on the

Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the Cincinnati club, is to be traded to some club making the best offer to Garry Herrmann. The latter will then announce his latest manager.

Almost every club in the National League will be in the field with players to trade. This does not leave out the Giants, either, winner of the 1912 pennant. When the big meeting is over trades involving almost every club in the major leagues are expected to be announced.

John K. Tener, governor of Pennsylvania, is to be elected president of the National League by unanimous vote, thereby shattering all records for the older organization. His term will extend to five years at a salary, it is said, of \$25,000 a year.

During the week the National Commission, consisting of Garry Herrmann and the two big league presidents, will sit in session and will probably announce their decision to the Baseball Players' Fraternity as to the demands made by the athletes for amelioration of certain conditions. This will be most important and should have far-reaching results.

Washington, of course, will be greatly interested in the movements of Clark Griffith. The Old Fox is going to New York to obtain a hitting outfielder or two. He knows that he can't get what he wants in his own league and will try to use his friendship with National League magnates to obtain the right men from that league. It is believed that he will make another stab at Johnny Bates, the utility man of the Cincinnati Reds. He has his eyes also upon Artie Butler and Owen Wilson, both with Pittsburgh. If he can obtain none of these players, he may take a chance with Mike Mitchell, who is done in Pittsburgh.

"I don't know whether I'll have any success in the movements of Clark Griffith," says Manager Griffith. "This is going to be a most important meeting for baseball. From my own viewpoint, of course, all I want is a hitter. I'm going to try for one. If I'm lucky, I may bring back the man to land the pennant in Washington. That's worth striving for, isn't it?"

A merry scrap is on hand now for the services of Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the Cincinnati club, in Cincinnati. A consistent .300 hitter, the most brilliant shortstop in the National League, and one of the brains of the game, Tinker will be an acquisition worth thousands to any club in the country. And about every club in the league is out for him.

Charlie Doolan, manager of the Phillies, has offered Mike Doolan and Otto Knabe for Tinker and Heinie Groh, a youngster.

The New York Giants are offering Charlie Herzog, Arthur Wilson, and either Arthur Fletcher or Tillie Shafer. The Pirates want Mike Mitchell, "Chief" Wilson, Cozy Dolan, and one other unnamed player for Tinker, together with a bonus, if Herrmann in-

The Chicago Cubs are willing to part with Roger Bresnahan and "Red" Corridon for the former Red manager, on condition that he keeps posted on youngsters all over the land, will try to relieve other clubs of a number of players who have yet to make their way in the big show. He intends to give the Red Sox a hard fight for their fans support next summer, and knows that Boston will be willing to give him a pennant in the old league. The last was won in 1907.

Brooklyn, with a new manager, wants a shortstop, and will pay almost anything to get the right man for the combination.

Chicago is also after a shortstop to replace Al Bridwell, who has slowed up too much for the big show. Pittsburgh wants several players, emphasis being laid upon outfielders and infielders. A third baseman is absolutely necessary.

The Giants may get rid of Ruben Martini and Charlie Herzog, providing suitable trades are arranged. Weather clear and track fast.

Will Watch Griffith

Manager Griffith goes to New York tomorrow in search of the hitter who will land the pennant in Washington. With him goes Louis A. Dougher, The Times' sporting editor, to keep the fans of the Capital in close touch with events. All the news and gossip of the big baseball meeting will be told entertainingly in The Times' sport pages. Keep abreast of the latest diamond dope by reading Mr. Dougher's stories written on the scene of action.

BEST SPORT PAGES IN WASHINGTON

Here Are Prominent Men in This Week's Big Baseball Meeting in New York



HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAMS START SOON

All Teams Are Looking for Call for Winter Work to Prepare for Season.

Track candidates in the various schools will be called out within the next ten days for the initial work-outs and a chance to get some preliminary work before the Christmas holidays, according to reports from the various schools.

At Central, Coach Bill Foley plans to have the same system as that in vogue last year, and will probably conduct closed meets every Saturday to develop men for the track work in the winter and spring. Captain Goodman is expected to get into the work-outs later in the year.

At Western "Unitz" Brewer is looking for a call some time soon and is counting upon several of last year's track men to uphold the old win register. The club has been disbanded, but Coach Jimmy Sullivan this year, but the Georgetown coach left enough good material to start a fine track team this year.

Business is planning to come forward in track this year, and Eastern, with A. E. Duggert at the helm, is being counted upon to put out some men for track work during the winter and spring.

Brainerd Club will handle the Manual Trainers this year and can be counted upon to put out a good bunch. Hardell, the club's athletic title holder, will lead a number of veterans this year. The boys are working out on the school track and have many candidates ready for the call.

DIAMOND DOPE

Manager Frank Chance, of the Yankees, expects King Cole to be one of his leading pitchers next year. Cole was with the Cubs when Chance was leader of the Bruins and did great work for one year, but then started on the downward slide. A good season, though, in the American Association, has put him back in good shape, the Yankee leader hopes to be given a good trial when the campaign is opened.

President Baker, of the Phillies, has made arrangements for a triple play in the 1914 campaign, is playing basketball with the St. Elizabeth team in Philadelphia. He is one of the stars of the basketball ball game. Next year he hopes to be the regular shortstop for Evers club.

Elmer Lobert, the star outfielder for the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league, who was secured by the Naps, claims that he will not report to Joe Johnston, 1913 manager of the Athletics, for any reason. Maybe he is afraid of the big arena.

Walter Keating, the young shortstop who was with the Cubs at the close of the 1912 campaign, is playing basketball with the St. Elizabeth team in Philadelphia. He is one of the stars of the basketball ball game. Next year he hopes to be the regular shortstop for Evers club.

During the 1912 campaign only one team, headed by 24 in 100 games for St. Joseph, was the leading leader, with a .52 mark. The St. Joe infielder took part in 162 contests, and in that time had 36 points, 45 assists, and made 39 errors. Rapp, of Des Moines, with .501, had the greatest number of assists, while Justice's total of 416 putouts was high. The latter also made the most errors—34.

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Westerz, who once was with the Tigers, as a third baseman, Pedowski, another ex-Tiger, now with Lincoln, was a way down last year with a .33 mark in twenty-seven contests. He had 25 putouts, 25 assists, and 8 errors.

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TRI-STATE LEAGUE WANTS EXPANSION

Clubs to Come Out for Eight-Team Circuit at Coming Meeting.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 7.—Tri-State League magnates will assemble for their annual meeting early in January at Harrison. The clubs have come out unanimously for an eight-team circuit and threaten disbandment unless two more teams are added.

Reading, Easton, New Brunswick, and Elizabeth have been mentioned. Reading and Easton loom up as favorites, and are the likely new members for the circuit.

President John H. Myers is already here planning for the ensuing season. He says that the preliminary training will be held at the Inlet park, here, in April. Several exhibition games will be listed, and the first two months of the season the "Boardwalk Buds" are to travel. They return early in July and remain until the end of the scheduled season.

Abel Kiviat Astounds Crac kExperts Again

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Abel Kiviat of the Irish-American A. C. created the national cross-country crown when he won the 10-mile race at the Van Cortlandt Park yesterday afternoon. The little Staten Islander has astonished the experts many times since his advent into athletics as a schoolboy, but never has he accomplished such a remarkable feat as lowering the colors of the best long distance men in the country at a game in which he was practically a novice.

Austin Howard Asked To Coach Tech Team

Austin Howard, former Cornell University baseball player, who has been playing minor league baseball for the past three years, may be Tech's baseball coach next spring if present plans materialize. Howard has been approached by a Tech representative as to whether or not he would coach the team.

Last spring Howard played with Lynn and later went to Fall River. He is under contract with the Fall River club and may make arrangements to report late. He was coach of the Western High nine for a while last spring and had great success.

Spicy Sport News For Rapid Reading

The Washington City Basketball League will complete its organization at a meeting to be held at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday night. It is planned to start the season next Saturday night when the Y. Regulars and Aloysius quints will meet.

George Washington University is planning an athletic campaign whereby it is expected to secure 200 new members for the Athletic Association. At present the association is laboring under a heavy indebtedness and if the above number of members can be secured, it is claimed that the handicap under which the organization is running can be lifted. Members of the alumni will be asked to assist in removing the indebtedness and Howard W. Hodgkins heads a committee to enlist the support of the graduates.

Martin and Phelps, of the Y. M. C. A. Pull Moose basketball team are today being given credit by their fellows for starring in the game which that unit won from the G. Shepherd second team by 41 to 24. S. Boyd played well for the losers.

Kendall School for the Deaf won a fast basketball game from the Sioux by the score of 25 to 20. Kendall took the lead early in the game and maintained a healthy lead throughout the contest.

Neither the Continental Trust Company nor the National Bank of Washington football teams were able to score when they met on the gridiron yesterday. Fumbles were frequent and good team work failed to assert itself.

The Pearson A. C. won its basketball game from the Railroad Y. M. C. A. second quint by a score of 22 to 6. Pearson won in the last half, the game being tied when the first period ended.

Hyattsville dropped a basketball game to the R. R. Y. M. C. A. Regulars by 41 to 10. From the beginning, the railroaders asserted their superiority and at no time were they in danger of being headed.

The Good Shepherd basketball team has returned from Martinsburg, W. Va., where it won from a quint of that place by 30 to 24. Until the last few minutes of play the teams took turns leading, but the Good Shepherd team surged ahead just before the final whistle blew and won by six points.

Washington chess players are preparing for a treat across the board when Frank J. Marshall, champion chess player of the United States, plays the Capital City Chess and Checker Club. Marshall will be here during the week of December 15.

Brilliant Military Academy is planning a track meet which will probably be held in the spring at Washington Grove Athletic field. High schools of the District will be invited to participate, and in all probability teams of other cities will also participate.

ANOTHER CHIPPEWA TO COME FORWARD

Joe Graves Expected to Have Rank With Chief Bender and Joe Guyon.

BRainerd, Minn., Dec. 7.—A third Chippewa Indian may attain prominence in sport next year. Chief Bender, the star pitcher of the Athletics, and Joseph Guyon, crack halfback of the Carlisle Indian school football team, already are well in the public eye.

Now comes Joe Graves, a Chippewa of Walker, Minn. He has been signed by Connie Mack's scouts to pitch for the Athletics next season. During the last two years he has pitched sensationally for Walker and Brainerd. He was a teammate of Leslie Joseph Bush, the Athletics' young star, in several professional games before the latter broke into the big leagues.

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SPORTING CLUB TO CONTROL WRESTLING

Weekly Matches Planned by Organization Composed of Washington Writers.

Inquiry that has been rife among Washington's army of wrestling fans as to whether the Capital will have its usual schedule of wrestling matches, now that the local theaters have dropped that sport, is set aside today in an announcement made by the Atlantic Sporting Club, in which that organization sets forth its plans for holding weekly matches. The question has been foremost in the minds of the lovers of the mat game since Washington's two burlesque wheels merged into one, at which time it was decided that the mat game would not be necessary as a means of stimulating the audiences.

By the oldest followers of the sport, the announcement that wrestling is to be staged for its sporting service, instead of an added attraction, is taken as a good omen, and many predict that the success of the Atlantic Sporting Club is assured. Added to this straightforward manner of holding its matches, the quality of the sport is expected to be augmented by the fact that the club is composed of sporting writers of Washington, for its officers. This fact is accepted as sufficient assurance that wrestling entertainments of the purest variety will be shown, and that the exhibitions will be of the most honorable character, is unquestioned.

Plans for the organization of the Atlantic Sporting Club have been under way for more than three months. Washington's best sporting authorities have been consulted as to the advisability of holding future bouts without the "added attraction" feature, and it is unanimously agreed that the game will prosper far better while in the hands of a reputable sporting club. It is a notable fact that the wrestlers prefer to engage their services with sporting clubs rather than with theatrical organizations. The latter class of work is claimed to be beneath the profession, as exhibition wrestling is insisted on by all theatrical managers. Another argument advanced by the public, in that championships cannot be maintained or gained when the match is presented as an attraction.

Louis Montano, an Italian athlete, who is popular with Washington audiences, is to be the feature of the first entertainment given by the Atlantic Sporting Club. He has been advised to meet George Bothner of Washington during the week of December 22. Two matches are to be presented each week by the new club. No one match is to be featured, as both will be of the highest order. Coach Dave White of the Vigilants has been working hard with his warriors for the last week, and the team has improved its record. On the other hand, Lieutenant Putnam, who has been coaching the bridge-builders, is also confident of carrying home the bacon.

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RAIN MAY CALL OFF BIG CONTEST TODAY

Vigilants and Engineer Teams Anxious to Get Action in Title Battle.

Bad weather may call off the game scheduled today between the Vigilants and the Engineers. Manager Oliver is more than anxious to get the contest under way and cannot see calling off the battle if there is the slightest chance of playing.

Both teams are primed for the battle, and the brand of football which will be on exhibition this afternoon will be of the highest order. Coach Dave White of the Vigilants has been working hard with his warriors for the last week, and the team has improved its record. On the other hand, Lieutenant Putnam, who has been coaching the bridge-builders, is also confident of carrying home the bacon.

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Casey Hagerman, the pitcher of the Cardinals secured from the Denver club, of the Western, fielded .576 in 38 games. He had 3 putouts, 24 assists, and made a mess of one chance. Miller, of Topeka; Johnston, of St. Joe, and Steiger, of Wichita, were the only ones who fielded cleanly.

Johnson, the catcher for the Omaha club, who will get a treat with the Yankees in the spring, had more assists than any other catcher in the Western, with a total of 137. He played in 137 contests and in that time also had 24 putouts. He fielded .580. Shaw, of Des Moines, with .581 in 66 battles, was the leader.

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